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My inputs on the Microsoft matter.

I am a patent attorney, and I take my responsibilities very seriously, of course.

I have seen several cases of hackers penetrating Microsoft systems, such as at a law firm I was associated with until recently. While most attacks seemed to be intent on corrupting files, there were some attacks that I am convinced could have and may have resulted in data being taken.

I am unwilling to expose my clients to such risks, especially since I believe the Microsoft XP OS has the capability of allowing ?someone?, such as at Microsoft, to copy data off your system with no indication to the owner.

I am changing to Linux, and I find that most companies that offer software packages that run on Microsoft OS systems are discontinuing support for other than Microsoft systems (the exception is Apple, which depends on Microsoft investment and help for their existence). In fact, since Apple has a Linux-type system and IS supported, it appears that the decision by these companies not to support other Linux-type systems has no legitimate purpose.

The companies I refer to that are moving to Microsoft-Apple support only are Adobe, the Acrobat product, and the various companies that make .TIFF readers. I need both .PDF (Adobe Acrobat) and .TIFF for my patent work, and I find that to have them I must use an OS from Microsoft. Even Mapquest, where I have been getting map data, gives very unsatisfactory results on other than Internet Explorer. By unsatisfactory, I mean the results on other than Internet Explorer are such as to indicate sabotage of the Microsoft competitors.

I feel I must not expose my clients to the hazards of a Microsoft system, but I find that Microsoft, directly or through companies that depend on Microsoft, is poisoning all competing systems. I hear even WordPerfect, a clearly superior word processor, is ?on the ropes? due to Microsoft?s tactics.

I would like to sue Microsoft. Can you provide any help?

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